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I am writing to ask that the Food and Drug Administration grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food. Using downed animals for food raises serious health questions. Risks of bacterial contamination, or even "mad cow disease" are possibilities.

Also downed animals are downed because they are diseased or injured. It is impossible to move them in a humane manner. They are dragged with chains, pushed with tractors and or forklifts causing even more serious injuries and pain. These animals also suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care. Most die of their injuries and neglect.

As a vegetarian, I would like to see the end of using mammals for food, but at least in the meantime we should be able to raise and care for animals used for food humanely.

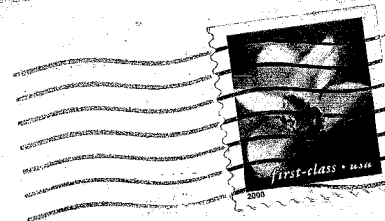
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